

6-18 MRS. JOHN SEIBERTH
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True and Useful Woman Passes Leaving Many Friends.

Laura E. daughter of Hiram and Matilda Watts, was born at Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 22, 1853. Here she spent the first 25 years of her life, and was known as a kind affectionate friend and companion.

June 1st 1873 she married John Seiberth, continuing to live in Iowa City until 1875 when they came to Grinnell. Here for the past 46 years they have walked life's journey together, happy and joyous in each other's companionship.

Mrs. Seiberth was an intense lover of her home, and ever sought to bring to it God's great gift to humanity "love." To these loving people were born three sons, two passing away in early life, Frederick M. and Clara W. leaving Louis S. to them to be their comfort and stay as they went softly down life's western slope.

Mrs. Seiberth had been a devoted Christian in the fullest sense and meaning of the word. In the year 1880, she confessed her faith in Christ and was immersed into his name, was a charter member of the church of Christ, Grinnell and has been one of its most loyal and consistent members. She was president of the Ladies Aid. Her loss to the local congregation will be very deeply lamented.

Mrs. Seiberth was also a charter member of Rebekah Lodge, having held continuous membership for over 31 years. The Lodge on April 5th, 1921 presented her with a gold veteran's pin, as a token of love and esteem.

She was also a loyal and loved member of the W. R. C. who to-day feel that a real comrade has passed from their ranks.

In June of this year Mrs. Seiberth underwent an operation, and when her real condition was discovered no hopes of her ultimate recovery were held out. Some weeks ago she grew worse and asked the Doctors to tell her the real state of affairs. When told . . . she grew calm and quiet, and through the weeks of waiting death had no terrors for her. Her faith in her Saviour was truly wonderful, because it had been strengthened by a noble christian life. Saturday and Sunday last, as the end drew very near, she said to her pastor, husband, children and sisters, "We'll meet again soon."

Monday, Dec. 5th at 2 p. m. she passed beyond the smiling and the weeping, aged 68 years, 9 months, 13 days.

She leaves to mourn her great loss besides her husband, one son Louis, and grandson, three sisters. Mrs. Hills of Arkansas City, Kan., Mrs. Bressler, Grinnell and Mrs. Mann, Des Moines, Ia.